

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3242
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2000
GRANTS TO DISTRICT CONSUMER COURTS
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provide grants to State Governments for construction of buildings for district fora to be set up under Consumer Protection Act, 1986;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any request from Maharashtra is pending since 1998 to grant an additional amount of Rs.3 crore in this regard;
- (d) if so, the reasons for delay in providing the grants for setting up of District Consumer Courts; and
- (e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREE PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : It is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations to provide adequate infrastructure for the consumer disputes redressal agencies set up by them under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. However, to supplement the State Governments efforts, a One-Time-Grant of Rs. 61.80 crores has been provided by the Central Government for strengthening the infrastructure including the construction of accommodation for the State Commissions and District Forums.

(c) to (e): To supplement Maharashtra Government's efforts, the Central Government released financial assistance of Rs.3.6 crores under the One-Time-Grantscheme to strengthen the infrastructure of the State Commission and 31 District Forums which were functioning in Maharashtra at the time of sanction of the Scheme. The request of the Maharashtra Government for additional financial assistance of Rs. 3.00 crores could not be acceded to as there is no scheme to extend further support to the States and UTs. This was duly communicated to the State Government of Maharashtra in 1998.